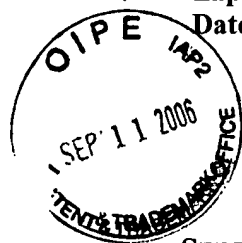


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Slater *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER. : 10/019,356 **EXAMINER :** Karen A. Canella
FILING DATE : May 21, 2002 **ART UNIT :** 1643
FOR : A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING PRE-NEOPLASTIC AND/OR NEOPLASTIC STATES IN MAMMALS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant requests a petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 11, 2006 (September 9, 2006 being a Saturday). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28747-502 NATL. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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